

Shieldaig Community Council

Minutes of meeting Tuesday 5th February 2013 at 7pm

Present: Richard Munday (Chairman), Gerry Beard (Secretary), Lyndsay Dacker, Donald Gillanders and Cllr Audrey Sinclair,

4 members of the public.

Apologies from Irene George, Viv Rollo, Gemma Livingstone and P.C Gary Taylor.

1. Minutes of the 8th January 2013 meeting

Reference to Shieldaig booklet amended and Minutes accepted as a record of the meeting.

2. Matters arising

It was noted that the Minutes of January 8th 2013 meeting did not appear in the February edition of An Carrannach, Secretary apologised.

3. Scottish Water

Treatment works completed.

The recent burst on the School Brae revealed a cement/asbestos main, whereas it was generally assumed that all the Village main was renewed as part of the of the village renewal in 1995. The Secretary to contact Scottish Water with a view to replacement of the remainder of the old main.

The meeting heard of water quality concerns, specifically irritations similar to eczema appearing after bathing. A problem which only became apparent after the new treatment plan was commissioned.

The Secretary to write to Joanna Peebles (Head of water quality).

4. Co-option of new Community Council member

Ms. Anne Barton, the only member of the Community to volunteer was thanked for her interest and on a unanimous vote of approval warmly welcomed as a replacement for Cameron Taylor.

5. Shieldaig Sports Assn and Shieldaig Village Assn merger.

Good progress is being made, a recent public meeting endorsed the principle and legal advice sought indicated that the most suitable vehicle would be a SCIO, this and other matters will be explained at a public meeting to be held on the morning of Saturday 2nd March in the village hall, details will be posted on the village notice boards

Other matters:

The Shieldaig Village Association accounts have been finalised and will be put to an Extraordinary General Meeting along with a motion to allow the winding-up of the SVA. Details of the meeting to be advised.

On winding up, the SVA assets will be transferred to the Community Council. The Community Council agreed that it would then transfer then on, either to the new merged organisation or to the Sports Association as an interim measure.

Insurance cover will be sought to cover all the activities and functions of the new (merged) organisation. The merger also provides an opportunity to transfer the management of the Shildaig Booklet production and marketing.

6. A890 Stromeferry Bypass – Options paper (Highland Council)

The options range in price from £23M - £115M the cheapest being by-passing the existing Loch side route via the Attadale Estate between Strathcarron Junction and Udalain, and the most expensive bridging the narrows between Lochcarron and Stromeferry. Audrey explained that there were also a range of subsidiary options all of which would be set out publicly before decisions were taken.

The Highland Council will report their findings by the end of April and agree a way forward by their May meeting.

7. War Memorial grants

Applications for assistance to repair/refurbish memorials can attract funding, conditions apply including:

Grant rate 50%

Detailed estimates to be submitted

Work should not commence until application is approved

Grant paid on completion.

A check should be made that this is the same scheme as recently launched by the Scottish Government

The Secretary to pass details to the merged SSA/SVA.

8. NHS Highland – Briefing Note

Key point:

NHS Highland Board Meeting Update, 4th December 2012

Cancer waiting times.

The Board discussed some recent issues with cancer waiting times. The reasons are complex and every part of the cancer pathway is being looked into.

9. Community Council Scheme Evaluation 2013 January

This is Stage 2, consultation with Community Councils

Comprising a survey requesting views and proposed amendments based upon representations already received during Stage 1.

All present felt that serving on the CC was worthwhile and that while there were arguments both ways, having a large council with 8 members was probably a good thing particularly with younger, working members who could not always attend each meeting; it also facilitated the sharing of duties .

Stage 3 will collate and consider and report to the June meeting of the Highland Council on suggested amendments to the scheme.

10. Finance report

No transactions since January; an updated account will be circulated at the March meeting.

11. Updates on:

Gairloch Cluster Primary Schools – Active Sports co-ordinator

Sport Scotland are looking at the issues and it is unlikely that the ASC only operating outside school time will change, however local coaching and transport sharing can support and develop skills and events.

Shieldaig Information Booklet 2013.

The proof copy is excellent and thanks to all who have contributed articles and put it all together. This year's print run is 500 copies a 100 more than 2012, cost £5 per copy.

Aird Path

The planning application has now appeared on the weekly list and has now been renamed to read Path to Dornie Cottage.

Pontoon

In order to avoid cost overruns, the contractors are waiting for a weather window to enable concrete works, anchor installation and final assembly to proceed without interruption..

12. Planning

Kishorn Port Scoping Study

The CC noted the document which describes in detail a proposal for an off shore wind farm construction facility, including an impact assessment and details of employment numbers.

It is understood that there is to be an 'open day' on 20th February from 10.30 – 8.30pm in Lochcarron Hall.

Correspondence

Scottish Salmon Co's feed barge at Aird – noise levels.

Email received, Environmental Health have yet to receive a complaint.

Highland Council

Bulky Uplift Service Review

Questionnaire.

Northern Meeting Charitable Piping Trust

Letter requesting information regarding the state of piping in the Highlands'

Pass to Jim Sutherland for action.

West Coast Interpretation

Letter offering Geological Interpretation.

Pass to merged SSA/SVA.

Paths for All

Letter offering training and support for paths and walkers.

Pass to merged SSA/SVA

AOCB

P. C. Gary Taylor's Lochcarron Beat report for January 2013.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 5th March at 7pm**